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Raëd Fathallah is a partner in Bredin Prat's International Arbitration Group. He specializes in commercial and investor-state arbitrations and has acted, over the past 25 years, in over 200 arbitrations spanning a broad spectrum of business sectors and governed by a wide variety of governing laws and in many jurisdictions around the world.

Raëd has particular expertise in acting in arbitrations involving sovereign States and State-owned entities and has acted in dozens of Investor-State disputes (including ICSID) both as lead counsel and arbitrator.

He is also ranked amongst the most sought-after arbitrators, having served in more than 80 arbitrations (as President or Sole Arbitrator in the vast majority of those cases) under the major institutional rules (ICC, LCIA, DIAC, ICSID and UNCITRAL Rules) and involving claims often exceeding USD 1 billion. He is a member of various arbitration panels and committees and is currently serving as a Vice President and a Court member of the London Court of International Arbitration, a member the ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators and at the ICC Commission on Arbitration.

Raëd is recognized as one of the leading practitioners in the field and receives exceptional commentary from clients: he "has a brilliant legal mind, is always ten steps ahead of the adversary and never loses sight of the bigger picture" (*Chambers Global*). Considered as "one of the brightest minds of his generation" and a "superb advocate", observers are left impressed by "his professionalism, experience and client-orientated approach". Raëd is known as "a leading figure as arbitrator and counsel in the Paris market" (*Who's Who Legal*). Recognized as a "Thought Leader" in International Arbitration repeatedly since 2017 (*Who's Who Legal*), Raëd is also top ranked as "Incontournable" among the "Best Arbitrators in France" (*Décideurs, 2021*) and has been recognized as a "Distinguished Arbitrator" (*Arbitrator Intelligence, 2020*).

In January 2014, he was awarded the prestigious biennial ASA Prize for Advocacy in International Arbitration, which is awarded to "recognize counsel who, through their exceptional talents in advocacy, contribute most effectively to the promotion of effective resolution of international commercial disputes through arbitration." Raëd was then praised by leading members of the international arbitration community as being "one of the brightest" lawyers who delivers "first-class work" (*GAR*).

He is fluent in Arabic, French and English and has acted (as arbitrator, neutral and counsel) in proceedings involving all three languages.

## PANEL MEMBERSHIPS & NOMINATIONS

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- ❑ LCIA (Vice President since 2021 and Court Member since 2019)
- ❑ ICSID (Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators since 2016)
- ❑ Member of the Board of Trustees of the Lebanese Arbitration and Mediation Center (since 2022)
- ❑ Membre du Conseil d'Orientation stratégique de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth
- ❑ Membre du Conseil d'Arbitrage – Chambre de Commerce Franco-Arabe
- ❑ ICC Commission on Arbitration (appointed by Lebanon)
- ❑ ICC Canada National Committee (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ ICC Lebanon National Committee (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ The Court of Arbitration for Art (The Netherlands) (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ Dubai International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ ADGM Arbitration Centre (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ Tehran Regional Arbitration Centre (Panel of Arbitrators)
- ❑ ICC Task Force on Arbitration involving States & State Entities
- ❑ Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration
- ❑ Hong Kong Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IMAC)

## EDUCATION

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- ❑ Doctor of Philosophy (D. Phil) – University of Oxford, Lincoln College (2007)
- ❑ Master of Comparative Jurisprudence (MCJ) – New York University School (1996)
- ❑ Licence en droit (L.L.L.) – University of Ottawa (1994)

## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- ❑ Paris (*Avocat à la cour* – 2007)
- ❑ England & Wales (Solicitor – 2005)
- ❑ Québec, Canada (*Avocat* – 1997)